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Thanks

- .. To those parents who attended the Whangarei Boys High School Information Meeting on Wednesday afternoon.
- .. To parents who ordered school photo's.
- .. To those parents who helped out with this week's MATHEX.
- .. To seniors for helping with their buddies in cross country (from a grateful parent)
- .. To Bayden Hay and his dad for helping jumpstart a car for a distressed maiden.

People of the week

- .. Grace Hegh's team came first in the Northland "Cheer and dance invitational" last Saturday.
- .. Rhyan Yakas who was selected for the curtain raiser to the Northland vs North Harbour match last weekend.
- .. Grace, Angus, William and Isaac who put in exemplary performances at last Saturday's Musical Memory Concert at Forum North.

Hi-viz Vests

Fonterra Kauri have kindly offered to supply vests for children who catch the bus or walk to school. The vest is a fluoro yellow lightweight material with orange piping, also with Hi viz reflector tape and a small Fonterra logo on the front. **These are FREE!**

The deadline has been extended so if you would be interested in your child receiving one, please contact the office by Monday 16 August at the latest.

Newsletters

Recently a number of families have missed (or nearly missed) key dates which had been advertised in multiple newsletters. We would like to encourage you all into the habit of asking routinely for your newsletter each Friday, or going online to read the newsletter on our website. This way you will know of events well in advance - and help reduce our workload as we process late enquiries. Having said this, never be afraid to phone and ask questions or seek clarification. It is our job to provide you with good information and we never mind answering questions.

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Winter and influenza

We are well and truly in to the flu season now. It's often a tough call but, if your child complains of being unwell, please err on the side of caution and keep them at home. This will give us a better chance of minimising the impact of these viruses on the wider school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Cross Country

Top 6 placings in our school cross-country event were as follows - Congratulations to all of these children ..

Age Group	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Yr 1/0 Girls	Amy	Eve	Jynaia	Tahi-Ora	Dannielle	Jessica
Yr 1/0 Boys	Bradley	Conan	Jethro	Thomas	Ben	Robbie
Yr 2 Girls	Maddison	Alyssa	Caitlin	Tyla	Hannah	Maria
Yr 2 Boys	Orlando	Charlie	Trent	Joseph	Matthew	Ben
Yr 3 Girls	Grace	Grace	Francesca	Meadow	Brooke	Natasha
Yr 3 Boys	Jack	Johnathan	Oliver	Ethan	Toby	Hunter
Yr 4 Girls	Natasha	Ellie	Sarah	Michelle	Georgia	Tegan
Yr 4 Boys	Seth	Jordan	Campbell	Tane	Oliver	James
Yr 5 Girls	Jemimah	Samantha	Grace	Ariah	Kayla	Ruby
Yr 5 Boys	Max	Jared	Flynn	Elijah	Brad	Luka
Yr 6 Girls	Kayleigh	Laura	Emily	Hazel	Shannon	Marina
Yr 6 Boys	Liam	Jamahl	Quinn	Tyrome	Isaac	Cory
Yr 7 Girls	Emily	Shaynia	Tyler	Georgia	Kendall	Jess
Yr 7 Boys	Scott	Euan	James	Jesse	Hayden	Brady
Yr 8 Girls	Eleanor	Kennedy	Shannon	Reumah	Michaela	
Yr 8 Boys	William	Ethan	Ricky	Alex	Jackson	Mitchell

Coming up

17 August	International Schools Mathematics Exam
18 August	Taniwha Challenge (Te Horo School)
23 August	Regional Science Fair (Forum North)
25 August	Year 7 and 8 Badminton Tournament
3 September	Interschool Cross Country Event
7 September	Senior Abseiling Day - A.H. Reed Park
7-9 September	Innovation class camp
17 September	Rippa Rugby - Tournament 2

Taniwha Challenge / Interschool Cross Country

Please ensure consents for the above events **are returned to school on Monday**. If your child did not bring home a consent for the Taniwha Challenge (zone cross country at Te Horo School), and you would like them to attend, please contact the office on Monday. Good luck to all participants.

International Schools Maths Exam

.. Next week (17 August). Maybe one more practice test and then a break until test day is in order for most students.

School Council Disco

A school disco will be held **Friday 20 August**. The disco is open to all students and starts at 6:00 PM and finishes at 9:00 PM. Theme is "Best Dressed". Children are asked to bring a plate and a gold coin donation to help cover the cost of the DJ. **Years 1 to 4 children are to be picked up at 7:30 PM** and the remaining children at 9:00 PM (on the dot please). If you are unable to pick your year 1 to 4 child up until 9:00 they will watch a supervised DVD.



We are currently desperately short of parent offers of supervision and so if you are able to help with supervision please give Mr Schuster a call on Monday. We will not be able to proceed without some assistance from parents.

Junior Beach Trip - CHANGE OF DATE!!

The Junior beach trip will NOT take place in September but will now be Week 4 in Term 4.

Healthier Option Stainless Steel Drink Bottles

A great fundraising opportunity for the school has arisen. For every 750ml stainless steel drink bottle purchased @ \$27.95 the school receives \$9. For every 500ml stainless steel drink bottle purchased @ \$23.95 the school receives \$8.

For those concerned about their health and our planet, the attached brochure will explain the many benefits. All orders to be returned to the school office by 3 September 2010. Note these have a lifetime guarantee and we may even engrave them for you. A really good investment.

Wanted - Helpers

This year's Trivia Night is to be held on 30th October. We are organising sponsorship/prizes for this big fundraiser and any assistance would be gratefully accepted. If you are in a position to help please contact Cherrie Parker on 437 1327.

School Headlice Inspection

.. will take place Friday 20 August. Please check your children's hair in advance of this date. Mrs Cates would love a couple more parent volunteers - just give her a call if you can help.

Senior School Request

Wanted: Free or cheap chicken coop for new chickens. Suitable size for about 4 or 5 chickens. If we can't find a chicken coop we would appreciate if we could have some materials such as chicken wire, wood, nails and fencing staples. If you could help us by donating any of these materials please see Mrs Williams in Room 10 or the chicken group.

School Production Request

This year the school production is called Marz, it is set in space and has a recycling/rubbish theme. This script has been based on a script of the same name by Pamela Uttinger and has been significantly changed by Matarau teachers.

Marz will take place later this term and rehearsals have already begun. As a result we require parental assistance to create fantastic costumes for our performers. If you have a sewing machine and/or any time to assist with making our costumes please email me, Simon Schuster, on sms.schuster@gmail.com

In addition to this we are also looking for a variety of equipment to be used as props. If you are able to give/lend any of the following, please email me also:

- Metal rubbish bin lids Garden brooms
- Fabric and/or Calico or similar VIP red carpet or any red carpet
- Old News crew quality microphones Old broken cameras
- Bubble wrap

I can arrange pick up if you are unable to deliver it yourself. All offers will be gratefully accepted.

Calf Club Day - 22nd October 2009

You need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves and lambs. Calves must be born after 1st July 2008. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. For those who bring pets, a booklet will be handed out prior to the September school holidays & needs to be completed by 15 October. No dogs are allowed to be entered. If you have any queries about calves please call Steve Martin on 433 5061, or about lambs to Alison Faithfull on 433 5557. There will be further updates closer to the end of term. To assist you with selection, care and training of your pet, please check out the following website www.calfclub.co.nz

Home Gardens

Please return home garden consents by the end of next week. A great way to encourage children into healthy food and an important life skill. Any questions please to Mr Trehwella.

Out of zone enrolments

For more information on the balloting process, and for a zone description, please visit our website www.matarau.school.nz Application forms available from the school office.

A word from the Bible in Schools Team

On behalf of the CEC Bible in School's Team, I would like to say what a wonderful privilege it is to share the Bible with your children on Monday mornings. We love the time spent with your children and we thank you, the BOT, the staff and Mr T for this opportunity, and for making our times at Matarau such an enjoyable experience. It's a great way to start each week. Carina Wykes.

Piano Lessons – Children 8 years and up (7 year olds in exceptional circumstances)

Has your child ever expressed interest in learning to play the piano? Our current piano teacher currently has available places this year, and is keen to receive expressions of interest for 2011. Lessons can be preparation for formal piano exams, or just an opportunity to learn some popular pieces. Our piano teacher is very experienced and comes highly recommended. Lessons are weekly of a half hour duration and cost \$20 per lesson. If interested please contact Shirley on 4381089.

Community Notices

For Rent - 1 Bedroom Chalet, Rushbrook Rd, \$150pw. For more details phone Lillian or Hans 4365326.

For Rent - 2 Bedroom Unit in Percy St, \$260 incl water and washing machine. Ph Elaine 4344378 or 021 706101.

For Sale - Jack Russell X puppies for sale. Ready for homes, 1 girl, 2 boys left. \$250 each. Ph Lisa 4356199, or 0272589663.

Zumba Classes - Matarau School Hall, Beginning Tuesday 27th July at 7.00pm. \$10/session or \$80/10 concession ticket.

Monster Garage Sale - for Kamo High School 2nd XI Girls Hockey Team, 21st August 7am, Kamo High School Hall. Donations can be dropped at 'Graeme Johnson Jewels and Time', 531 Kamo Rd, Kamo.

Parent Inc Hot Tips Seminar - Tweens & Teenagers, Wed 15th Sept, Events Centre, \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. For more info contact Michaela on 430 4280 or flyers available at the office.

Salut Restaurant & Brasserie - August Entertainment Line Up:

Saturday 14th 9pm "Old Skool Kool" Party featuring NZ's ultimate old skool DJ Ned Roy. The Tretro Party of The Year!

Sunday 15th 2pm "The Two Daves" Celtic, jazz, American folk and blues.

Final thought

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Henry Ford, 1863-1947 (American car manufacturer)

Regards
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